

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting of 11 January 2006 at 7:00 PM. The meeting took place in the Court Room, Town and County Building, Nantucket, MA 02554. Members of the Board present were Douglas Bennett, Brian Chadwick, Michael Glowacki, Bruce Watts and Whiting Willauer. Chairman Glowacki called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Announcements. Chairman Glowacki announced the meeting schedule will be on the Town website and noted upcoming agenda items.

Approval of Payroll Warrant for Week Ending 8 January 2006. The Board approved the payroll warrant by unanimous consent.

Approval of Treasury Warrant for Week Ending 11 January 2006. The Board approved the treasury warrant by unanimous consent.

Town Administrator's Report.

1. Preliminary Review of 2006 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles. Town Administrator Libby Gibson introduced the preliminary rough draft of the 2006 Annual Town Meeting Warrant to be adopted February 8, 2006. Chairman Glowacki suggested that, if the Board desires, items would be introduced and public comment welcomed with any advocacy held until later, to which the Board consented. Discussion followed on the need for text for some articles and Andrew Vorce indicated that the Planning Board could provide this by the deadline of January 18, 2006 for non-binding ballot questions. Dave Kanyock, Chairman of Energy Committee, spoke on the intent of its question and the committee's aim to hold public hearings on energy aggregate. Discussion followed on warrant article on page 14 and moderator's allowance of presentations at Annual Town Meeting. Ms. Gibson noted the need for Town Counsel to review wording.

Ms. Gibson spoke on the increase of seasonal salary schedule and of that for elected officials and the remainder of articles needing direction from the Board. Parks & Recreation Director Jimmy Manchester spoke on the purpose of the revolving fund for parking fees at Jetties and Surfside to help fund property maintenance. Discussion followed on how fees would be set and the required staffing. Mr. Watts showed concern about charging fees to go to the beach.

Ms. Gibson continued with the review of articles, letting the Board know it may want to consider whether wants to specify uses for the ferry embarkation fee. She introduced, and then Andrew Vorce spoke on, the adult use zoning bylaw amendment. Discussion followed on the effect of zoning for this use and a description of existing areas. Town Clerk Catherine Stover spoke for control of exposure as is the intent of the article, adjusting the law so the Town would not be challenged. Discussion followed on the term.

Mr. Vorce spoke on rates of development and those articles proposed by Planning Board, noting that information is available on the masterplan.org website following Fall 2005 discussions. Ms. Gibson continued, noting that as the employee housing item is included as citizen article it is deleted here. Mr. Vorce spoke on the possible need for zoning item regarding water protection recharge district.

Mr. Willett asked for Board direction to continue as currently allowing for adjustment of sewer maps so properties are not penalized by having to wait for town meeting approval of citizen articles. The other option would give the Board the right to correct obvious errors and omissions. Discussion followed on the merits of the second option and the subjectivity of what constitutes an "error." Mr. Willett indicated that the article would specifically address this, noting only properties "currently sewerred" would be eligible for error consideration. On a request for direction, the Chairman requested a recommendation from the DPW Director, to which Mr. Willett agreed.

Mr. Fronzuto spoke on housekeeping items related to wharves and waterways articles. Ms. Gibson asked about the application to Town-owned properties for storage of dinghies. Mr. Fronzuto responded and continued to address the articles. Discussion followed on the kiteboarding amendment. Mr. Fronzuto addressed the shellfish amendment. Mr. Willauer asked about mooring permits. John McLaughlin asked about specific language of the dinghy storage article and Chairman Glowacki thanked him for the input.

Ms. Gibson indicated that the wetlands article is being withdrawn. Fire Chief Everett Pierce spoke on the "hazmat cleanup" and key box articles. Discussion followed on the applicability to commercial, not private, dwellings. Police Chief William Pittman spoke on the leash law amendment. Ms. Gibson concluded by addressing the remainder of the articles with Mr. Vorce providing input for the 1975 Roads article. She explained the need to reauthorize previously approved home rule petitions as per the direction of the legislature. Ms. Stover spoke on the establishment of a cemetery commission workgroup. Ms. Gibson noted that citizen articles are yet to be incorporated to the overall document and updates will be presented to the Board.

Chairman Glowacki invited public input and Mr. Kopko asked about resubmission of homerule petitions. Ms. Gibson noted that legislative officials have asked for this. Mr. Bennett shared concerns about the non-passage to date and Ms Stover provided additional information on Massachusetts General Law changes that occur. Ms. Gibson noted the high number of submittals that are forwarded to the legislature. Discussion followed on the tower lease article. Chairman Glowacki invited further public comment, but there was none. He noted further review to occur at subsequent meetings.

Selectmen's Reports/Comment.

Mr. Watts spoke on need for repairs on Vesper Lane. Ms. Gibson noted that the paving contractor is to complete the work next week.

Mr. Chadwick referenced the Charter, noting that the Board can create a committee and seek an outside audit firm and suggested the Board consider it. Discussion followed on the merit. Mr. Watts nominated Mr. Chadwick to be the third member of the audit committee that exists as per the Charter along with Chairmen of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee. Mr. Willauer seconded. Mr. Bennett shared concern about bias. Mr. Willauer, Mr. Watts and Mr. Chadwick voted in favor of making Mr. Chadwick the third member of the audit committee. Mr. Bennett was opposed.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Approved the 18th day of January 2006.